

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2005                      3:06 p.m.              Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Casperson. (1/11)**

Representative Stahl made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2005, supported by Representative Mayes. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to adopt the minutes as presented.

A presentation regarding the Emerald Ash Borer was provided by Pat Lockwood, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Policy Director for Governor Granholm. Tim Flint and Ken Rauscher of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) also spoke to the Committee and answered questions for members. Topics discussed included EAB Eradication Strategy, Core Area Activities, Management Area Activities Outside Quarantine Area and Program Funding.

Representative Mayes made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Hune. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 4:15 p.m.

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Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk  
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